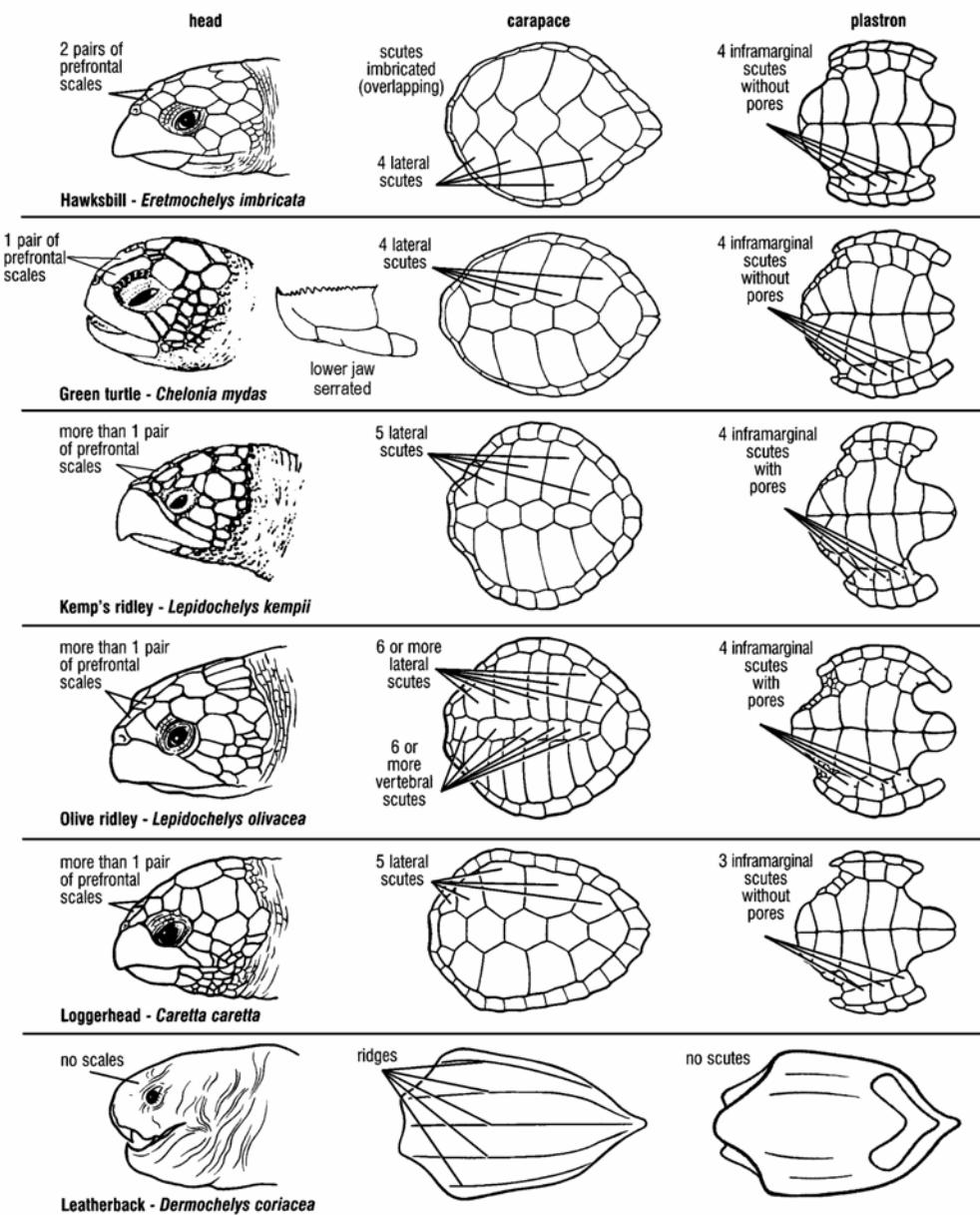


**APPENDIX A: IDENTIFICATION****SPECIES IDENTIFICATION**

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**Key for Identifying Intact Sea Turtles in Western North Atlantic**

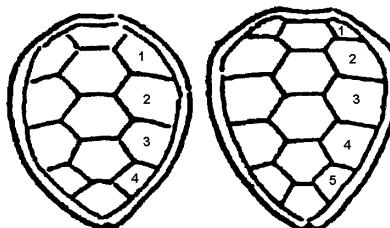
A. Shell black and leathery with longitudinal ridges  
.....**Leatherback**.....



A. Shell not black and is hard.....B.



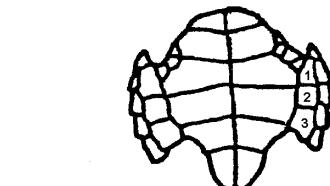
B. Costal (lateral) scutes usually 4.....C.



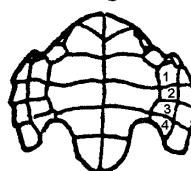
C. Two large scutes (1 pair) between eyes, shell smooth, serrated lower jaw, shell color light brown with yellow starburst patterns, top of flippers and head light brown.....**Green** .....



C. Four scutes between eyes ( 2 pair), scutes over lapping, shell color dark brown with light brown blotches. Top of flippers and head black.....  
.....**Hawksbill** .....



D. Lower shell has 3 inframarginals, upper shell, head, and flippers are reddish brown  
.....**Loggerhead**.....



D. Lower shell has 4 inframarginals with pores, upper shell, head and flippers are greenish gray or dark gray.....E.

E. Costal (lateral) scutes usually 5  
.....**Kemp's ridley**.....

E. Costal (lateral) scutes usually 6 or more  
.....**Olive ridley**.....